

Whiskeytown Kayak Tour Registration Requirements

Please convey ALL of the information listed below to all participants

1. Life jackets are provided for adults and children. **Visitors are required to wear them** at all times during the program, including swim stops. We recommend you wear a t-shirt under your life jacket for hygienic reasons.
2. Weight limit is 400 pounds total capacity for tandem (2-seat) kayaks. Everyone must be comfortable in the water in the event you fall and everyone must be able to get back into the kayak under their own power in deep water.
3. Ranger will determine who can attend this program. Everyone must be in good health with no recent illnesses or surgeries.
4. Children must be at least six years of age to participate. Children six to twelve year of age must always ride with a parent or responsible adult at least 18 or older in the kayak. Children 13 years and older can paddle together as long as they are able to paddle under their own power. There must be at least one adult supervisor to take responsibility for all children under 18 in their party.
5. Junior Ranger Kayak tours for children are available on Mondays (ages 3-6 years old) and Thursdays (7-12 years old).
6. Kayak programs will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours on the water. Visitors must bring water for each person and wear clothing and footwear that can get wet. Sunglasses, sunscreen, and a hat are highly recommended. Be sure sunglasses or prescription glasses are secured to the head.
7. Visitors are required to wear proper footwear such as old tennis shoes, water shoes, or strap-on sandals that will stay on the feet at all times during the program. **Visitors who are wearing flip-flops or are barefoot will not be allowed to participate for safety reasons!**
8. Please check in with the ranger at the brown metal shed at **Brandy Creek Beach Lot B**, at the program at least **15 minutes** before start time (9:15 for the 9:30 and 5:15 for the 5:30) **If you are late, your free reservations may be given away.** Visitors who miss the safety briefing will not be allowed to participate.
9. A valid vehicle pass must be displayed on driver's side dashboard of your vehicle. If you need a weekly pass, it is best to purchase a pass at the Visitor Center, which is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Iron ranger fee boxes for weekly passes (cash or check only) are located just as you enter the Brandy Creek Beach turn off. A \$10 weekly, \$40 Whiskeytown or Lassen Annual pass, Senior Pass (age 62 or older), Access pass, Military pass, or \$80 Interagency pass are all valid for parking.
10. The National Park Service reserves the right to cancel any program due to staff shortages, inclement weather, or for any other safety related reason.
11. We do not allow smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages or firearms during the kayak program.
12. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call **242-3462** and leave a message with your name, tour date, tour time, and number of people you are canceling.
13. If you wish to support this free program, a donation box is available at the kayak shed.

Directions to **BRANDY CREEK BEACH Lot (B)**: Traveling from Redding on Highway 299, turn left at the visitor center onto John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive. Brandy Creek Beach is approximately 4.2 miles from the visitor center. You will drive across the dam and continue on until you see the signs for “Brandy Creek Beach” and “Kayak Program”. Turn right at Brandy Creek Beach and follow the access road to Brandy Creek parking, Lot “B”, as in “Boy”. Look for the brown kayak shed at the north end of the parking lot. The park ranger will be at the kayak shed.

Other Information:

Whiskeytown Kayak Reservation Line:	242-3462	Staffed when volunteers are available
Kayak Program Coordinator(s)	242-3451	Breanna Corp
	242-3454	Matthew Switzer
Special Access Kayak Tour	242-3421	Breanna Corp
Group Tour Reservations	242-3454	Matt Switzer
Visitor Center 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	246-1225	Information/Interpretive Programs/Permits
Oak Bottom Marina Store 8 a.m.-7 p.m.	359-2671	Kayak/Boat Rentals, Bottled Water
Oak Bottom Camping Reservation	359-2269	
Visitor Center Pay Phone	243-9730	

Other Internal Numbers:

Jennifer Gibson	Chief, Interpretation and Resource Management	242-3457
Ellen Petrick	Supervisor, Interpretation	242-3450
Matthew Switzer	Park Ranger, Operations/Interpretation	242-3454
Breanna Corp	Park Ranger, Interpretation	242-3451
Katie Lawn	Park Ranger, Interpretation	242-3441
Lilly South	Park Ranger, Interpretation	
Nicole Baldwin	Park Ranger, Interpretation	
Maggie Lawrence	Park Ranger, Interpretation	